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**FIFTH STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS
HONORABLE SHARPE JAMES, MAYOR
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Together, we can make a difference!

TONIGHT, HOWEVER, WE MEET DURING CRISIS TIMES
IN OUR CITY, COUNTY, STATE, NATION AND WORLD.

**REVEREND DR. J. WENDELL MAPSON, THE PASTOR OF
MOUNT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH AND REV. DR.
DWIGHT WHITE, PASTOR OF OLD FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH, WHICH WAS FOUNDED IN 1666 AND IS
CELEBRATING ITS 325TH ANNIVERSARY ALONG WITH
THE CITY OF NEWARK.**

**REVEREND CLERGY; DISTINGUISHED MEMBERS OF THE
NEWARK MUNICIPAL COUNCIL; MR. RICHARD
MONTEILH, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR; DEPARTMENT
DIRECTORS; MANAGERS AND SUPERVISORS; MY WIFE,
MARY AND SONS, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN.**

**FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND AS A FORMER AMERICAN
THANK YOU FOR YOUR VALUED SUPPORT AND
ATTENDANCE HERE TONIGHT. WELCOME TO MY FIFTH
STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS. OVER THE LAST FOUR
YEARS, WITH THE ABLE ASSISTANCE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL, WE HAVE STARTED A RENAISSANCE IN THE
CITY OF NEWARK.**

**IS FIGHTING FOR THE OIL INTERESTS
OF JAPAN, GERMANY AND OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS.
NATIONS WHOSE SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL BE AT
HOME AND NOT RISKING THEIR LIVES ON THE BATTLE
FIELD.**

TONIGHT, HOWEVER, WE MEET DURING CRISIS TIMES IN OUR CITY, COUNTY, STATE, NATION AND WORLD. WE UNFORTUNATELY MEET DURING A TIME OF WAR.

ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16, 1991, AT 7:00 P.M., AMERICAN FIGHTER BOMBERS AND ALLIED SUPPORTERS FROM ENGLAND AND FRANCE BEGAN AN AIR ATTACK ON KUWAIT AND IRAQ. THE ORDERS TO ATTACK WERE MADE BY PRESIDENT GEORGE BUSH. THE PRESIDENT WAS FOLLOWING UP ON HIS MANDATE TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, THAT HE MUST UNCONDITIONALLY VACATE KUWAIT BY JANUARY 15TH.

FIRST AND FOREMOST, AND AS A FORMER AMERICAN SOLDIER STATIONED IN GERMANY, FOR MANY REASONS I DO NOT SUPPORT OUR PRESIDENT'S DECISION TO SEND AMERICAN TROOPS INTO BATTLE TO RESTORE POWER AND WEALTH TO THE NON-DEMOCRATIC KUWAITI RULERS. I DO NOT SUPPORT AMERICAN TROOPS FIGHTING FOR THE OIL INTERESTS OF JAPAN, GERMANY AND OTHER EUROPEAN NATIONS. NATIONS WHOSE SONS AND DAUGHTERS WILL BE AT HOME AND NOT RISKING THEIR LIVES ON THE BATTLE FIELD.

THIS IS THE SAME GEORGE BUSH ^{who} ~~WHO~~ WINED AND DINED SADDAM HUSSEIN WHEN HE WAS DIRECTOR OF THE CIA. THIS IS THE SAME HUSSEIN WHO WAS HONORED AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND SUPPORTED BY THE UNITED STATES IN HIS WAR AGAINST IRAN. THEN WE FEARED IRAN.

IF THIS WAR IS ABOUT ~~AND~~ ^{NOT} HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRACY ~~AND~~ (THE SENSELESS KILLING OF MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN,) AS PRESIDENT BUSH STATED IN HIS PRESS CONFERENCE LAST NIGHT... THEN LET US IMMEDIATELY INVADE SOUTH AFRICA AND BRING AN END TO APARTHEID. IF THIS WAR IS ABOUT OPPRESSION AND THE ILLEGAL SEIZURE OF INDEPENDENT NATIONS, THEN LET US IMMEDIATELY INVADE THE SOVIET UNION.

IS THE PRESIDENT BLIND TO THE FACT THAT SOVIET TROOPS ARE SIMULTANEOUSLY KILLING INNOCENT LITHUANIANS WHO CRY FOR THEIR FREEDOM TOO. WHY DON'T WE ATTACK THE SOVIET UNION? NO, NO!

THIS WAR IS ABOUT OIL, OIL AND MORE OIL. IT'S ABOUT MONEY. THIS WAR IS ABOUT THE PRESIDENT'S FAILURE TO GIVE SANCTIONS A CHANCE TO WORK. IT'S ABOUT AN ANGRY PRESIDENT AND A WEAK CONGRESS, WHO GAVE UP THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT TO DECLARE WAR, NOW RUSHING THE UNITED STATES INTO THE EVILS AND ATROCITIES OF WAR.

BUT AFTER ONLY FIVE MONTHS WE MUST ATTACK IRAQ? WHY?

WE SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT AMERICA WAS NEVER UNDER ATTACK. WE SHOULD BE REMINDED THAT NOT ONE AMERICAN HAD LOST HIS OR HER LIFE BECAUSE OF SADDAM HUSSEIN.

MILLIONS TO DESTROY YOU AND BILLIONS TO BUILD YOU UP. WHILE HERE IN AMERICA VETERANS GO HUNGRY, JOBLESS AND HOMELESS.

THE PRESIDENT SAID AT HIS PRESS CONFERENCE, AND I QUOTE...."AFTER FIVE MONTHS OF SANCTIONS THEY HAVE NOT BEEN COMPLETELY SUCCESSFUL." WELL, IF WE CAN DEBATE WITH THE SOVIET UNION AND THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA AT THE UNITED NATIONS FOR FORTY YEARS, WHY SHOULD WE RUSH TO WAR AGAINST IRAQ AFTER ONLY FIVE MONTHS OF SANCTIONS.

IF WE ARE NOT GOING TO FIGHT SUPER POWERS WHO

THE PRESIDENT SAID THAT HE WAS WORRIED ABOUT THE ABILITY OF IRAQ TO DEVELOP A NUCLEAR BOMB.

I ASK YOU, CAN THE SOVIET UNION ATTACK AMERICA USING NUCLEAR POWER? YES. I ASK YOU CAN THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA ATTACK AMERICA USING NUCLEAR POWER? YES. WHY THEN HAVE WE BEEN WILLING TO DEBATE WITH THEM FOR OVER FORTY YEARS IN THE UNITED NATIONS ABOUT THEIR ACTS OF AGGRESSION AND THE THREAT OF WAR, BUT AFTER ONLY FIVE MONTHS WE MUST ATTACK IRAQ? WHY?

THE JOKE AROUND EUROPE IS THAT THE UNITED STATES WILL SPEND MILLIONS TO DESTROY YOU AND BILLIONS TO BUILD YOU UP. WHILE HERE IN AMERICA VETERANS GO HUNGRY, JOBLESS AND ^AHOMELESS. LET'S ASK OURSELVES WHO HAS A BETTER ECONOMY AFTER THE SECOND WORLD WAR, JAPAN, GERMANY OR THE UNITED STATES? ASK YOURSELF WHO REFUSED TO SEND TROOPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST? ASK YOURSELF AFTER THIS WAR WHO IS GOING TO PAY TO REBUILD IRAQ? ASK YOURSELF WILL STABILITY BE RETURNED TO THE MIDDLE EAST.

LET'S TALK ABOUT AMERICA AND MOUNTING DOMESTIC PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE EVERY DAY OF IF WE ARE NOT GOING TO FIGHT SUPER POWERS WHO ARE KILLING PEOPLE WHY PICK ON SMALL POWERS WHO ARE KILLING PEOPLE? IT IS TIME FOR THE

UNITED STATES TO STOP TRYING TO POLICE THE WORLD AND TAKE CARE OF ITS FOLKS HERE AT HOME.

ESCALATING ILLS OF AIDS, HOMELESSNESS AND OTHER CITIES WHERE MANY OF OUR CHILDREN WHO PRESIDENT BUSH SHOULD SHOW THE SAME CONCERNS THAT HE HAS EXHIBITED FOR THE ROYAL FAMILY IN KUWAIT, FOR AMERICAN FAMILIES LIVING IN NEWARK, NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, CHICAGO, DETROIT AND OTHER CITIES HERE AT HOME.

REPRESENT OUR GLORIOUS PAST AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PROMISES FOR OUR FUTURE. IF TIME MAGAZINE HONORED HIM AS MEN OF THE YEAR BECAUSE OF HIS TWO FACES. ONE A HAPPY FACE FOR KUWAIT AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS...ONE A SAD FACE FOR AMERICA AND DOMESTIC AFFAIRS.

HOW SHAMEFULLY SILENT WE ARE AS WE WITNESS INNOCENT CHILDREN BEING BEATEN OR SHOT DOWN NOW THAT PRESIDENT BUSH HAS PROVEN THAT WE CAN BEAT A THIRD WORLD COUNTRY, WHEN WILL WE TAKE ON THE REAL PROBLEMS OF AMERICA?

WRONG NEIGHBORHOOD OR IN THE WRONG PARK. AND YES, FAR TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DYING LET'S TALK ABOUT AMERICA AND MOUNTING DOMESTIC PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE EVERY DAY OF OUR LIVES. LET'S TALK ABOUT NEWARK AND OTHER CITIES ACROSS THE NATION, ESPECIALLY OUR URBAN CENTERS, WHERE WE WITNESS INCREASING FISCAL

PROBLEMS, CONCERNS FOR PUBLIC SAFETY, THE NEED FOR MORE AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE EVER ESCALATING ILLS OF AIDS, HOMELESSNESS AND DRUGS. CITIES WHERE MANY OF OUR CHILDREN WHO GRADUATE FROM OUR SCHOOLS ARE UNABLE TO READ AND WRITE.

NESS AND FILTH. A WAR AGAINST AIDS AND AUTO THEFTS. A WAR AGAINST POVERTY AND ILLITERACY. LET'S FIGHT A REAL WAR!

CLEARLY OUR CITIES ARE IN TROUBLE. CITIES WHICH REPRESENT OUR GLORIOUS PAST, AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, THE PROMISES FOR OUR FUTURE. IF OUR CITIES DO NOT SURVIVE, OUR COUNTRY CANNOT SURVIVE.

BLE HOUSING AND THE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

HOW SHAMEFULLY SILENT WE ARE AS WE WITNESS INNOCENT CHILDREN BEING BEATEN OR SHOT DOWN FOR THEIR LEATHER COATS, AIR JORDAN SNEAKERS OR FOR BEING AT THE WRONG MOVIE THEATER, AT THE WRONG DISCO PARTY, IN THE WRONG NEIGHBORHOOD OR IN THE WRONG PARK. AND YES, FAR TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNG PEOPLE ARE DYING FROM ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE.

WAS ACHIEVED BY PUTTING TWO CLASSES INTO THE ACADEMY SIMULTANEOUSLY.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, AND ESPECIALLY PARENTS, I KNOW OF A WAR THAT WE CAN GET A UNANIMOUS

VOTE ON. TONIGHT WE NEED TO DECLARE WAR AGAINST THE THUGS, HOODLUMS AND CRACK DEALERS WHO RENDER OUR STREETS AND NEIGHBORHOODS UNSAFE. A WAR AGAINST THOSE WHO VALUE PROFIT OVER LIFE. A WAR AGAINST HOMELESSNESS AND FILTH. A WAR AGAINST AIDS AND AUTO THEFTS. A WAR AGAINST POVERTY AND ILLITERACY. LET'S FIGHT A REAL WAR!

IN 1991, PUBLIC SAFETY WILL REMAIN A PRIORITY OF THE JAMES ADMINISTRATION, AS WELL AS AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND THE NEED TO IMPROVE OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECRUIT AND TRAIN QUALIFIED CANDIDATES TO SERVE AS MEMBERS OF OUR POLICE FORCE. DURING MY TENURE AS YOUR MAYOR, 348 RECRUITS HAVE GRADUATED FROM THE POLICE ACADEMY. IN 1990, 100 RECRUITS GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY -- THE LARGEST CLASS IN RECENT HISTORY. THIS WAS ACHIEVED BY PUTTING TWO CLASSES INTO THE ACADEMY SIMULTANEOUSLY.

IN 1991, WE HOPE TO GRADUATE AN ADDITIONAL 210 POLICE OFFICERS. THIS INCLUDES 60 WHO WILL GRADUATE NEXT MONTH AND AN ADDITIONAL 150 WE PLAN TO HIRE. WE ARE BATTLING ATTRITION (DEATH, RETIREMENT AND RESIGNATIONS), BUT BY BEEFING UP THE NUMBER OF RECRUITS WE HIRE, WE HOPE TO INCREASE THE SIZE OF OUR POLICE FORCE.

THIS IS A MANDATE OF THE COUNCIL AND THE MAYOR

WE WILL EXPAND OUR WALKING AND MOTOR SCOOTER PATROLS IN ORDER TO REDUCE THE INCIDENCE OF ROBBERY, CAR THEFT AND GENERAL DISORDER. WITH THE COMMENDABLE HELP OF THE NEW JERSEY STATE POLICE WE WILL CONTINUE "PROJECT IDEA" (INNER-CITY DRUG ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM) AND ITS IMPORTANT COMPONENT, "OPERATION HOMESTEAD", A UNIQUE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM. AIMED AT DRIVING OUT ENTRENCHED NEIGHBORHOOD DRUG DEALERS.

DESPITE THESE OBVIOUS GAINS, AUTO THEFTS CONTINUE TO PLAGUE OUR CITY. THE AUTO INDUSTRY REFUSES TO INSTALL ANTI-THEFT DEVICES ON THE ASSEMBLYLINE AND THE COURTS UNFORTUNATELY TREAT AUTO THEFT AS A MISDEMEANOR WITH ONLY A SLAP ON THE WRIST TO THE PERPETRATORS. A

SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN AUTO THEFTS WILL BE A PRIORITY OF OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT IN 1991.

NEWARK'S PROBLEMS, LIKE THOSE OF OTHER URBAN CENTERS, ARISE MOSTLY FOR REASONS BIGGER THAN THE CITY. EVENTS BEYOND THE CITY'S CONTROL ARE DRIVING UP THE COSTS FOR MUNICIPAL GOVERNMENT AND IMPACTING UPON OUR TAX RATE.

WHILE OUR CITIES ARE SUFFERING, THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS SPENDING OVER \$1 BILLION A DAY FOR OPERATION DESERT STORM...THEY SAY IT IS FOR OUR NATIONAL SECURITY. BUT NO ONE IS TALKING ABOUT OUR DOMESTIC SECURITY. IF WE CAN SPEND \$1 BILLION A DAY FOR OUR NATIONAL SECURITY, WHY CAN'T WE SPEND \$50 MILLION OR \$25 MILLION OR EVEN \$10 MILLION A DAY FOR OUR DOMESTIC SECURITY? WHAT GOOD IS IT IF WE WIN THE WAR IN THE EAST AND HAVE NO DECENT HOME TO COME BACK TO IN THE WEST?

IN LOOKING AT OUR ANTICIPATED REVENUES AGAINST KNOWN DEBTS, IT SEEMS IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO BALANCE OUR 1991 BUDGET WITHOUT

RAISING TAXES. A TAX RATE THAT WILL BE THE HIGHEST IN THE HISTORY OF OUR CITY. A TAX RATE DRIVEN BY THE SPENDING OF OUR STATE AND COUNTY GOVERNMENTS. A TAX RATE DRIVEN BY THE SPENDING OF OUR BOARD OF EDUCATION. A TAX RATE THAT WILL OVERBURDEN THE PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE CITY OF NEWARK.

THROUGH NO FAULT OF YOUR MAYOR AND COUNCIL, FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY MANDATES CONTINUE TO BE PASSED ALONG TO MUNICIPALITIES WITHOUT THE NECESSARY DOLLARS TO PAY FOR THEM. IN 1989 WE FACED THE SOLID WASTE CRISIS WITH NEWARK FORCED TO USE AN INTERIM TRANSFER STATION COSTING \$30 MILLION OR 4 TIMES MORE THAN WE HAD ANTICIPATED.

IN 1991, WE HAVE A SEWAGE CRISIS. THIS WILL FORCE NEWARK TO SPEND \$12 MILLION OR 40% MORE FOR LAND-BASED DISPOSAL BY THE PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION (PVSC) DUE TO A STATE MANDATE TO CEASE OCEAN DUMPING 9 MONTHS EARLIER THAN THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT'S DEADLINE. WHEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT SAYS DO AS I SAY, THEY SHOULD SEND A CHECK TO DO IT.

~~DEADLINE. WHEN THE STATE GOVERNMENT SAYS DO AS I SAY, THEY SHOULD SEND A CHECK TO DO IT. WHEN THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT SAYS DO AS I SAY, THEY TOO SHOULD SEND A CHECK TO DO IT.~~

FOR NEWARK TO WITHSTAND A DEEPENING NATIONAL RECESSION WHICH AFFECTS ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT WHILE PLACING OUR CITIES AT RISK, I CALL FOR THE FOLLOWING CONSIDERATIONS:

1. I CALL FOR A FAIR CENSUS COUNT FOR THE CITY OF NEWARK. IF THEY MISCOUNT, WE LOSE DOLLARS. IF THEY MISCOUNT, WE COULD LOSE A CONGRESSMAN, A STATE ASSEMBLYMAN OR A STATE SENATOR.

IT IS RATHER SHAMEFUL THAT WE CAN FLY TO THE MOON AND WALK IN SPACE, BUT WE CANNOT COUNT AMERICA'S POPULATION. SOMETHING IS WRONG! THE CENSUS BUREAU MUST EXPLORE NEW METHODS OF COUNTING URBAN AMERICA.

2. I CALL ON THE STATE LEGISLATURE AND THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE NEWARK WITH A FAIR AND PERMANENT IN LIEU OF TAX PAYMENT TO OFFSET NUMEROUS FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY FACILITIES LOCATED IN THE CITY OF NEWARK; FACILITIES THAT OCCUPY SOME OF OUR BEST LAND AND REQUIRE MUNICIPAL SERVICES.

WHEN A FIRE BREAKS OUT, AND WE HOPE THAT IT WILL NEVER HAPPEN AT THE PETER RODINO FEDERAL BUILDING, RUTGERS THE STATE UNIVERSITY, ESSEX COUNTY HALL OF RECORDS OR AT 1100 RAYMOND BOULEVARD, THE RESPONDING FIRE ENGINES AND CREW WILL NOT COME FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., OR TRENTON, NEW JERSEY, BUT FROM NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. AND OF COURSE IT WILL BE AT OUR EXPENSE.

3. I ALSO CALL ON THE ESSEX COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO ENSURE THAT THE STATE'S PLANNED TAKEOVER OF THE COUNTY'S COST OF WELFARE, COURTS AND OTHER SOCIAL SERVICES TRANSLATE INTO REAL SAVINGS FOR EACH MUNICIPALITY IN ESSEX COUNTY THROUGH REDUCED PROPERTY TAXES. OUR CITIZENS NEED A TAX BREAK, NOW!

4. I CALL FOR A REVIEW AND MONITORING OF THE PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION'S ANNUAL BUDGET WHICH HAS BECOME EXCESSIVE IN ADMINISTRATIVE SALARIES AND THE ISSUANCE OF EXORBITANT LEGAL AND CONSULTANT FEES. UNFORTUNATELY, THE PVSC HAS BECOME A "PORK BARREL" FOR THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY.

I, RESPECTFULLY, CALL UPON THE HONORABLE DONALD TUCKER, COUNCILMAN-AT-LARGE, AND THE NEW CHAIRMAN OF THE PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION, TO CLEAN HOUSE. IT IS GROSSLY UNFAIR THAT NEWARK PAYS 40% OR MORE OF THE BUDGET AND NEWARK RESIDENTS DO NOT RECEIVE A FAIR SHARE OF JOBS. IT IS UNFAIR THAT NEWARK RESIDENTS ARE NOT FOUND IN TOP ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS. WE PAY THE FREIGHT WHILE OTHERS EAT THE CAKE. IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE AT THE PASSAIC VALLEY SEWERAGE COMMISSION. CHAIRMAN TUCKER, WE NEED YOUR HELP!

ON THE IMPORTANT QUESTION OF EDUCATION WE MUST RECOGNIZE OUR DUTY TO OUR CHILDREN. WE

MUST REINVEST IN EDUCATION OR WE WILL HAVE LOST THE FUTURE OF THIS GREAT COUNTRY. WITH THIS IN MIND, IT IS NO SECRET THAT THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IN OUR NEWARK SCHOOLS HAS NOT KEPT PACE WITH RISING ADMINISTRATIVE AND INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES. THERE SHOULD BE A CORRELATION BETWEEN HIGH SALARIES AND HIGH ACHIEVEMENT.

NOW THE WHOLE WORLD IS WATCHING AND WAITING TO SEE WHAT NEWARK WILL DO WITH AN ADDITIONAL \$50 MILLION FROM THE STATE AS A RESULT OF THE ABBOTT VS. BURKE CASE. THE QUALITY EDUCATION ACT (QEA) IS ABOUT GIVING POOR CHILDREN A LEVEL PLAYING FIELD ON WHICH TO COMPETE, A CHANCE TO DREAM GREAT DREAMS, A CHANCE TO BE THE VERY BEST, A CHANCE TO FAIL OR SUCCEED ON THEIR OWN MERIT. THIS IS THE AMERICAN WAY!

NOW WE MUST WAIT FOR THE NEWARK BOARD OF EDUCATION TO TELL US WHAT WILL BE DIFFERENT WHEN \$50 MILLION IS ADDED TO THEIR BUDGET. WILL THE QUALITY OF EDUCATION IMPROVE SIGNIFICANTLY? WILL FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY IMPROVE? OR WILL IT CONTINUE TO BE BUSINESS AS

USUAL WITH MORE PERSONNEL, MORE CONSULTANTS, MORE STUDIES OR HIGHER SALARIES WHILE OUR CHILDREN ARE UNABLE TO READ, WRITE OR COMPETE WITH SUBURBAN STUDENTS.

I BELIEVE THAT THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR MUST DO MORE TO ASSIST THE BOARD OF EDUCATION. I AM THEREFORE CALLING FOR A SUMMIT CONFERENCE ON PUBLIC EDUCATION IN NEWARK BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. A CONFERENCE THAT WILL BRING TOGETHER PARENTS, TEACHERS, SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS, THE NEWARK EDUCATION COUNCIL (NEC), BUSINESS LEADERS, THE CLERGY AND THE COMMUNITY TO DEVELOP AN EDUCATIONAL PLAN TO IMPROVE THE PERFORMANCE OF NEWARK'S PUBLIC SCHOOL CHILDREN. OUR MINIMUM GOAL WILL BE THAT TEACHERS TEACH AND CHILDREN LEARN, AND NOTHING LESS.

THE AMERICAN DREAM FOR HOME OWNERSHIP IS STILL ALIVE IN NEWARK. IN THE LAST FOUR AND ONE-HALF YEARS, NEWARK HAS BUILT MORE HOUSING WITH REGIONAL CONTRIBUTION AGREEMENTS (RCA's) THAN ANY OTHER COMMUNITY IN THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY. BY THE END OF THE

YEAR, APPROXIMATELY \$20 MILLION WILL HAVE BEEN USED TO REHAB OR CONSTRUCT 2,000 UNITS OF HOUSING, HALF OF WHICH ARE RENTAL UNITS. THE FIRST FAMILIES WILL SOON BE MOVING INTO VICTORY GARDENS COMPLEXES IN THE WEST AND SOUTH WARDS.

AN ADDITIONAL \$1 BILLION IS BEING SPENT ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT RESULTING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF STRIP MALLS AND COMMERCIAL PROJECTS IN EVERY WARD OF THIS CITY. PROJECTS TO LOOK FOR IN 1991 INCLUDE THE NEW FEDERAL POST OFFICE ON SPRINGFIELD AVENUE, THAT WILL PROVIDE OVER 2,500 JOBS; THE DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. FEDERAL COURT HOUSE, THE NEW BLUE CROSS/BLUE SHIELD AND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HEADQUARTERS, SETON HALL LAW SCHOOL BELLEMEADE PROJECT, NEVADA COURT MALL AND THE REHABILITATION OF THE GIBRALTAR BUILDING AND 707 BROAD STREET AND MANY OTHERS.

IN 1991, I CALL UPON THE NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY TO IMPROVE IN ITS DELIVERY OF SERVICES TO TENANTS AND IMPROVE THE GENERAL

MAINTENANCE AND BEAUTIFICATION OF PUBLIC HOUSING. FOR WE MUST NOT ALLOW PUBLIC HOUSING TO LOOK LIKE RESERVATIONS FOR THE POOR AND THE FORGOTTEN.

ALSO, THE CITY OF NEWARK HAS ASKED THE NEWARK HOUSING AUTHORITY TO PARTICIPATE IN RECYCLING AND THE SEPARATION OF SOLID WASTE (GLASS, PAPER AND CANS) FOR THE FIRST TIME.

LAST WEEK FOUR YOUNG CHILDREN, FULL OF LIFE, LOST THEIR LIVES IN A FIRE CAUSED BY THE EXPLOSION OF A KEROSENE HEATER. OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES ARE EXTENDED TO THE FAMILY. THEIR LOSS IS OUR TRAGEDY.

EVERY CITIZEN IN NEWARK SHOULD BE AWARE OF THE FACT THAT THE CITY OF NEWARK HAS ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE BANNING THE SALE AND USE OF KEROSENE HEATERS. IT IS ILLEGAL TO USE A KEROSENE HEATER IN OUR CITY. IT IS ILLEGAL FOR STORES IN NEWARK TO SELL ONE.

THE PROBLEM IS THAT OTHER SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO SELL KEROSENE HEATERS. THE CITY OF NEWARK IS UNABLE TO INSPECT EVERY HOME TO SEE IF KEROSENE HEATERS ARE BEING USED.

I, THEREFORE, HAVE ASKED MY CHIEF OF STAFF AND STATE ASSEMBLYMAN JACKIE MATTISON, TO JOIN WITH STATE SENATOR RONALD RICE, IN SUPPORTING SENATE BILL S-1938, WHICH WAS PASSED BY THE SENATE IN MAY OF 1990 AND ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE, CALLING FOR A STATEWIDE BAN ON KEROSENE HEATERS IN ALL RESIDENCES (HERETOFORE OUTSIDE OF NEWARK THEY WERE LEGAL IN ONE AND TWO FAMILY HOUSES).

I RECOGNIZE THE FACT THAT KEROSENE HEATERS OFFER THE LEAST EXPENSIVE METHOD OF PROVIDING HEAT. HOWEVER, THEY ALSO HAVE PROVEN TO BE THE MOST DANGEROUS METHOD. A QUICK FIX AND A QUICK LOSS OF LIFE. WE CANNOT CUT CORNERS OR HUNT FOR BARGAINS WHEN IT COMES TO SAVING LIVES.

MY REPORT TONIGHT IS NOT ALL DOOM AND GLOOM. WITH THE HELP OF THE MEMBERS OF THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL AND A STRONG PRIVATE/PUBLIC PARTNERSHIP HEADED BY PRUDENTIAL, PSE&G, NEW JERSEY BELL, FIRST FIDELITY, MUTUAL BENEFIT LIFE AND OTHERS, WE HAVE MANY SUCCESSFUL ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF.

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR CREDIT UPGRADING BY STANDARD & POOR'S & MOODY'S INVESTORS, THE FIRST TIME IN OVER TWENTY YEARS AND WE ARE DETERMINED TO MAINTAIN AND EVEN IMPROVE OUR PERFORMANCE.

1. WE ARE PROUD THAT A DISTINGUISHED DELEGATION OF MAYORS FROM THE SOVIET UNION ARE AMONG THE MOST RECENT GUESTS TO STUDY THE ACHIEVEMENTS WE HAVE MADE IN OUR CITY. THEY CHOSE NEWARK AS THEIR FIRST CITY TO VISIT IN AMERICA. THEY WANTED TO SEE A REAL CITY, MEET REAL PEOPLE AND LEARN ABOUT THE PROGRESS THAT WE HAVE MADE IN RECYCLING AND IN OTHER AREAS.

2. ALSO, AFTER FOUR YEARS OF PROMISES AND MORE PROMISES, WE FINALLY WILL BREAK GROUND FOR TWO MOVIE THEATERS. THEY WILL BE THE FIRST MOVIE THEATERS TO BE BUILT IN NEWARK IN FIFTY YEARS. FIRST, ON JANUARY 30, 1991, THERE WILL BE A GROUNDBREAKING FOR A TEN-PLEX "ALL-JERSEY MULTIPLEX CINEMA" AT THE SITE OF THE OLD NEWARK DRIVE-IN THEATER BY NATIONAL AMUSEMENTS; AND IN MARCH THE CITY OF NEWARK WILL BREAK GROUND AT SPRINGFIELD AVENUE AND BERGEN STREET FOR A CINEPLEX ODEON 6 THEATER AND WE PLAN TO HOLD A GALA GRAND OPENING BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR.

HAPPY DAYS ARE HERE AGAIN. WE ARE GOING TO THE MOVIES IN 1991 IN NEWARK, NEW JERSEY. ALSO, WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT WE WILL BUILD A LONG-AWAITED ROLLER SKATING RINK IN BRANCH BROOK PARK AND GO ROLLER SKATING AS WELL.

3. WE ARE PROUD TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF A \$1.9 MILLION RYAN WHITE COMPREHENSIVE AIDS RESOURCES EMERGENCY ACT GRANT TO ASSIST PROGRAMS INVOLVED IN THE CARE AND TREATMENT

OF AIDS. CERTAINLY NOT ENOUGH MONIES, BUT IT ALLOWS US TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND OUR CURRENT PROGRAMS. AND EVEN THE LOSS OF LIFE.

4. WE HAVE FINALLY COMPLETED THE REHABILITATION OF A HOUSE ON AVON AVENUE FOR THE HOMELESS, "APOSTLE HOUSE." THIS IS OUR SECOND TRANSITIONAL SHELTER FOR THE HOMELESS, JOINING NEW COMMUNITIES' HARMONY HOUSE. ONCE OUR HOMELESS POPULATION HAVE AN ADDRESS THEY ARE ELIGIBLE FOR INDIVIDUAL ENTITLEMENTS THAT CAN HELP THEM RETURN TO MAINSTREAM AMERICA.

WE ARE PLEASED THAT A PROMINENT COMPANY WAS KIND ENOUGH TO DONATE SNOWSUITS FOR OUR HOMELESS POPULATION. PRESENTLY, OVER 150 SUITS HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED TO SOME OF OUR HOMELESS POPULATION.

5. IN 1991 WE WILL DRAFT PLANS FOR A 280 DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR IN MAKING IT MORE CONVENIENT FOR MOTORISTS TO REACH OUR CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT. THIS 280 DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR WILL ELIMINATE THE HAZARDOUS

INTERSECTION OF ROUTE 280 AND FIRST STREET WHICH HAS ALREADY CAUSED FAR TOO MANY ACCIDENTS AND EVEN THE LOSS OF LIFE.

6. IN OUR DOWNTOWN AREA I HOPE YOU HAVE SEEN OUR TWO NEW BUS SHELTERS AND NEWSSTAND AT BROAD AND MARKET STREETS WITH TWO MORE UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WE PLAN TO CLEAN UP OUR HISTORICAL FOUR CORNERS AT BROAD AND MARKET WHICH WERE LAID OUT BY THE PURITANS IN 1666 AND HAVE ALWAYS BEEN THE HEART AND SPIRIT OF NEWARK.

7. IN 1991 THE CITY OF NEWARK AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION WILL DRAFT PLANS FOR THE BUILDING OF AN OFFICE TOWER WITH SPACE FOR BOTH THE CITY AND THE BOARD OF EDUCATION, AND A PARKING DECK. WE HOPE TO CREATE A DRIVE-IN WINDOW FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PAY THEIR MUNICIPAL BILLS. I WOULD LIKE TO PERSONALLY THANK DR. RALPH T. GRANT, JR., PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL FOR THIS COMMENDABLE IDEA.

WE ARE MOST PLEASED THAT THE LONG AWAITED RESTORATION OF THE KRUEGER-SCOTT MANSION HAS BEGUN. WHEN COMPLETED, THIS HISTORICAL BUILDING WILL HOUSE MANY NEIGHBORHOOD PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR ALL CITIZENS. THIS IS THE BEST GIFT WE CAN OFFER THE LATE MS. LOUISE SCOTT WHO DREAMED GREAT DREAMS AND WAS A GREAT LADY.

WE ALSO CONTINUE TO BE EXCITED ABOUT THE \$200 MILLION NEW JERSEY STATE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER THAT WILL BE CONSTRUCTED IN NEWARK. PRIVATE SUPPORT FOR THIS MOST WORTHY PROJECT HAS BEEN COMMENDABLE AND SUBSTANTIAL WITH RECENT GENEROUS DONATIONS OF \$1 MILLION FROM AT&T AND \$3 MILLION EACH FROM PRUDENTIAL AND THE STAR-LEDGER. THE ARTS CAN TRIGGER FURTHER INTEREST, INVESTMENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR NEWARK AND THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY -- A WIN WIN SITUATION.

AS I CLOSE TONIGHT, WE ARE STILL TROUBLED BY THE HUE AND CRY FOR WAR. MORE AND MORE TALKS ABOUT POWER AND WHO CAN DESTROY WHOM, WHO

HAS THE MOST BOMBS AND MISSILES; WHO CAN WIN WHO WILL LOSE. A CASE OF TOO MUCH CONFRONTATION AND TOO LITTLE COMMUNICATION.

IT MADE ME THINK OF A CHRISTMAS CARD I RECEIVED EXPLAINING WHAT REAL POWER IS ALL ABOUT. FORTUNATELY, IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE NUMBER OF BOMBS AND NUCLEAR WARHEADS. IT HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH WAR AND VICTORY. MAYBE YOU RECEIVED THE SAME CARD, CALLED "ONE SOLITARY LIFE." WITH YOUR PERMISSION I WOULD LIKE TO READ IT.

"ONE SOLITARY LIFE"

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU.